

NORCAL REX RV CLUB NEWSLETTER

December 2014

A Chapter of the FMCA



President's Message



The wonderful season of fall is here and the holidays rapidly approaching. Thanksgiving just around the corner, although retailers seem to want us to go right to Christmas.

The election for NorCal Rex officers brings some changes for 2015/2016. New officers and changes are Robin Snyder, 2nd Vice President – Rally Master, Tom Geraldizo, National Representative and Ken Peebles, Alternate National Representative. Robin has also volunteered to continue as our newsletter editor, a job she does so well. Tom and his wife are very active in other RV clubs often attend the FMCA National Conventions.

Robin is already planning for 2015 with a rally in March at Angels Camp, hosted by Dwane and Norma Reeves, a NorCal Rex group attending the Northern California Good Sam Samboree in May at Lodi, followed by a NorCal Rex rally at Cal Expo in Sacramento. Also Norma Holt is planning a 15th NorCal Rex Anniversary rally in September or October. More details about all upcoming rallies are in this newsletter and on the NorCal Rex website. If you want to host or co-host a rally or just have a favorite spot, contact Robin.

Several NorCal Rex members enjoyed the Friends and Family Rally sponsored by Rexhall International (RHIRVC) in September at Grass Valley. This rally will be at a different place each year and replaces the Annual Homecoming event that took place in Lancaster. Richard Huskey is setting the rally plans for 2015 in Carson City, Nevada from September 23rd – 29th (5 nights). Richard is asking that those who are interested in attending contact him at jshuskey@pacbell.net by December 1. Details are in the latest RHIRVC newsletter.

Dues for NorCal Rex have been lowered to only \$12 per year. If you haven't submitted your dues for 2015, please send them to Elden Fillion. To remain a chapter of FMCA we must maintain a membership of 20 individuals.

Since this is the last newsletter for 2014, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our rallies in 2014 and look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.



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Members Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

02 - David Holt
 08 - Sue Beeck
 10 - George & Lisa Forbes
 15 - Sai Liu Dunn
 23 - Jerry & Alice Johnston
 28 - Don & Sandy Kaufman

January

08 - Lois Stevens
 20 - Thomas Manoff Jr
 23 - Tom & Diane Geraldizo
 25 - George Forbes
 26 - Dan Fregin
 29 - Ron & Sue Beeck
 30 - Robert Dunn

February

10 - Hoover & Peggy Fong
 10 - Ken & Nancy McGuire
 14 - Randy & Lois Stevens
 14 - Rick & Jeanni De Lany
 15 - John Hatch
 25 - Dwane Reeves
 27 - Bill & Donna Rowe
 29 - Robert & Sai Liu Dunn



ATTENTION: LONG TIME MEMBERS

Our Club keeps a notebook of all the newsletters as well as other records. Anyway, to make a long story short, This notebook is missing some of the copies. We are missing newsletters for 2008, 2009 and 2010. There would be four newsletters per year. If anyone has these copies, please get a hold of Don Kaufman and you can make arrangement with him on what copies you have and be reimbursed for mailing and copies. Better yet, if anyone has the copies on their computer they can always be emailed. We both would appreciate any help you can offer in replacing the copies to make the notebook whole again. Thank you, Robin and Don

Find words that have to do with camping!!!

C	F	G	H	O	T	D	O	G	S
K	H	V	N	R	D	P	Y	R	B
C	E	A	E	I	E	N	A	N	U
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G	E	M	R	C	U	S	E	P	S
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J	A	I	O	R	C	A	N	F	R
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Dave & Norma Holt's

'58

Chevrolet Pick up



WELCOME TO OUR
 NEWEST MEMBERS,

George & Lisa Forbes,
 And Bonnie

OFFICERS for 2015/2016

President & Web Master -	Don Kaufman	dkaufman@surewest.net	916 782-6100
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Thank you to Norma Reeves and Donna Rowe for counting ballots and votes			
Newsletter Editor	Robin Snyder	crrexhall@yahoo.com	530 224-1377

Rally Host Guidelines



- 1 Select an area, the RV park and an approximate date for
- 2 the rally.
- 2 Discuss your proposed rally with the Rally Master.
- 3 Contact the RV park to check:
 - * Dates available
 - * Cost, including tax
 - * Terms and conditions, such as minimum number of sites required, club house availability, cancellations, and deposit required.
- 4 If you decide to have the rally at this location have the RV park send you a contract or something in writing that shows their terms and conditions.
- 5 Review the contract.
- 6 If a deposit is required send the contract to the Treasurer. The Treasurer will send the deposit to the RV park.
- 7 Determine the cost per coach by using the cost quoted by the RV park plus an amount to cover food and supplies. An average is \$10 to \$12 per coach. **Remember that the cost of the rally should equal the revenue received.**
- 8 Inform the Rally Master of the rally.
- 9 Now is a good time to email all NorCal Rex members and get an estimate of the number that may attend.
- 10 Prepare a rally flyer with a registration form at the bottom of the flyer. The flyer should include all the pertinent information, the deadline for registration and the address where to send the checks. Also any cancellation fees or any pet restrictions.
- 11 Finish planning the details of your rally and develop an agenda.
- 12 After the registration deadline has passed, review your budgeted costs and the registration fees received. Make any adjustments necessary.
- 13 Send the rally agenda to all those who registered. If appropriate include any pot-luck assignments.
- 14 Prepare a statement listing all checks received and expenses incurred. Submit to the Treasurer all the checks and receipts. The Treasurer will issue you a check for your expenses.
- 15 You are now ready to host your rally.
- 16 Have fun and enjoy.

Always remember that if you ever have any questions, contact the Rally Master or any officer of NorCal Rex.

Updated 11/2014

NorCal Rex RV Club Calendar

2015

January 14 - 21	Quartzsite, Az	Dave & Norma Holt
March 22-25	Angel Camp	Dwane and Norma Reeves
April 30 - May 3	Lodi Samboree	Dry Camping - No host
May 3 - May 7	Cal Expo - Sacramento	Carl & Robin Snyder
June	Open - Need location and host OR	
July	Open - Need location and host OR	
August	Open - Need location and host	
September 23 - 29	Carson City, Nevada	Rexhall International
September/October	15th yr Anniversary Rally	Dave & Norma Holt
	Exact Date & Location TBD	

Call or email Robin, Rally Master to schedule your rally. It's time to start planning for 2015. Where would you like to go? Looks like our calendar is getting full. June or July might be a good time to host a rally. Maybe a coastal trip for August.

From: FMCA Motor home Forum

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 11:56 AM

To: bforrest@ix.netcom.com

Subject: Executive45 posted topic Police to enforce fuel taxation in Arizona

Executive45 has just posted a new topic entitled "Police to enforce fuel taxation in Arizona" in forum "Type A motor homes".

A lively discussion is occurring on another forum about RVers getting cited for fueling at the wrong pumps in Arizona. One of their ticketed for not using the right diesel pump. Here's the story, in short. The RV pulled up to a regular station diesel pump and began to re-fuel. He was met by two LEOs from AZDOT who informed him he was not fueling at the correct pump and issued a citation. Here's why he was cited. Arizona has a two tier diesel fuel tax. 18 cents/gallon for light cars and trucks and 26 cents for heavies. This means, according to Arizona law, any vehicle having more than two axles, OR any vehicle having a GVW in excess of 26,000 pounds MUST refuel ONLY at those pumps having a sticker affixed to them indicating the tax collected is at 26cents/gallon. He was at a pump with an 18 cent sticker!

I called the AZDOT for confirmation and spoke with a very knowledgeable, informative and pleasant individual in the Arizona Fuel Tax Investigation Division of the Motor Carrier Section. He confirmed that Arizona is stepping up it's enforcement of this law and RVs are NOT EXEMPT. While he was informative, he was also very firm in this area. Apparently, it's pretty easy if one of their enforcement officers sees an RV in a regular service station to simply pull in and check the pump. If you're fueling at the wrong pump you get a citation. IMHO, not a very good way to encourage winter visitors. Regardless, it appears Arizona needs extra cash in their coffers. While our fuel tanks are large enough to avoid Arizona stations completely, I feel this area of their law needs to be addressed. We all like to save whenever and wherever possible and while 8 cents a gallon won't break the bank, it's an extra cost that's not warranted. Also, this law does not apply to gas coaches, only diesels. It's hard to imagine why two coaches weighing the same, (over 26,000), one gas, one diesel, would be required to pay different tax amounts. What were they thinking....????

Grass Valley-International Rexhall Rally



The rally started out with our get together with International Rex and our NorCal potluck. We had our club meeting and the board members also had their meeting. Got a lot done as far as business for the club. The rest was monkey business. We received the book of things to do in Grass Valley. Some went on a wine tour and mine tours. There was also a walking tour of the old town. Some had Chinese food out and some of the others enjoyed a Mexican dinner. International had 2 dinners for us. One was a Chuck Wagon Dinner that was to die for. The other was the miners pie, also very good. We had a total of 33 coaches with 12 being NorCal Rex coaches and 2 had to cancel due to health problems. Norma and I managed to fit in 3 games of dominos. Some had TV, and some not. So, the ones with TV, enjoyed a baseball and football game. There was a Strawberry Bluegrass Festival that I think we thought was going to be a Strawberry Festival with music. Well, turns out, it was a Blues Festival with no strawberries and plenty of music. The top performer was the band "Power of Tower" which I believe to be a R&B Band from the 70's with hits like - "Play that funky music white boy", "Your still a young man" and "So very hard to go" There were tents and campers of 4000 people, all around us. The rally turned out to be very entertaining.



Member Benefits Update: FMCAssist, Mail Forwarding and Michelin Advantage

Dear FMCA members,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the actions taken by the Governing Board in Redmond, Oregon. I would also like to thank you for your membership and let you know how much I appreciate your support.

During the Governing Board meeting on Wednesday, August 13, the [FMCAssist](#) medical evacuation and travel assistance program was voted back in as a member benefit, included within your membership dues. I hope this is something none of us never needs, but should that need arise, it's there for us.

FMCAssist coverage goes into effect October 1, 2014. Coverage will be extended to all FMCA family members, including full family (F), life (L), and associate (A) members. Some aspects of this benefit are restricted to North America.

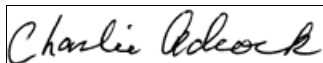
The [Executive Director's Commentary](#) (PDF) for the October issue of *Family Motor Coaching* has a wonderful article with details about the FMCAssist program.

The Governing Board also approved the outsourcing of FMCA's mail forwarding service. Beginning October 1, 2014, [Dakota Post](#) will be the preferred provider for mail forwarding. Dakota Post has the right combination of personalized service that our members are accustomed to, and the advanced technology that seems to be the best fit for our members. To learn more about this service and to enroll, please visit the following Web site: www.dakotapost.net/fmca.

One additional item I would like to call to your attention is that the [Michelin Advantage Program](#) is expanding to include more tires. This program has saved members anywhere from \$100 to \$250 per tire. Check into it before you purchase tires.

I would like to challenge you to recruit just one new member this year. Just think ... we could double the size of FMCA in one short year!

Enjoy the fall colors during your travels, and until next time, remember, "It's all about having fun."



Charlie Adcock
FMCA National President

Bodega Bay Rally Report

October 19 -23, 2014

The weather was unseasonably warm for the coast for this time of the year, only a little rain on one day. Eleven coaches made the journey, including the first NorCal Rex rally for some and renewing acquaintances with some that we hadn't seen in a while.

On Sunday the arrivals were served dinner by the hosts the Kaufman's and the Geraldizo's. As always at a NorCal Rex rally food seems to play an important role, with social hours, potlucks, breakfasts and dinner out.

During the day attendees toured the Bodega Bay area, visiting the local sites and shops. Others took day trips along the coast visiting the various beaches and historic sites. Robert and Sai Dunn paddled their kayaks in the bay.

The Bodega Bay RV Park staff was very courtesy and accommodating. The clubhouse is spacious with a wonderful kitchen area. It is definitely a place for future rallies.



**No Nothing
Rally**

**January 1
14-21-2015**

**Big Tent
January 17**

**Quartzsite,
AZ**

This rally is open to all Rexhall clubs and their friends. It is a no host rally with no water, no electric, no sewer, no cost. Lots to do there.

Come to the Desert Beautiful sunsets and beautiful sun rises. Social hours, potlucks, camp fires, lots of shopping. There is even lots of room for off road vehicles. A large RV show in the big tent with more shopping.

Enjoy old club members, welcome new club member and make a few new friends.

Hope to see everyone there. Any question, please call Dave or Norma Holt 530-478-0383 Nevada City.

Directions:

5 miles north of Quartzsite on Arizona Hwy 95. At about mile market 115, go east on paved road, Palmosa Road. It goes to Bouse, Az. Go out Palmosa Road, about 1/2 miles. On the right, watch for REXHALL RV and REXHALL CLUB SIGNS. There is plenty of room for everyone.



**2015 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
STATE SAMBOREE**

"Kentucky Derby Trials"

April 30 - May 3, 2015

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, Lodi, California

For the registration form and more information go to:
<http://norcalgoodsam.org/Samboree/samboree.html>
and click on Samboree Registration

Seven NorCal Rexhall's attended in 2013 and we had a great time. Parking is on a "first come, first served" basis, so we will meet in Lodi and then go in as a group. More information on where and when we meet will follow, so let Robin Snyder or Don Kaufman know when you register.

This is a good opportunity to be with your NorCal Rex friends, but also an opportunity to meet many new friends and learn about a Good Sam chapter in your area.

There will be entertainment, food, vendor booths, raffle prizes, games and other activities planned by the Northern California Good Sam. NorCal Rex may also have a potluck night. Assigned dishes will be sent out later.

So mark your calendar for April 30th to May 3rd for Lodi and then come to the NorCal Rex rally at Cal Expo on May 3rd to May 7.

DUES ARE OVERDUE

Rally Master Report

If you haven't paid your dues, now is the time to do so. Please send your check for \$12. Payable to NORCAL REX RV CLUB, mail to: Elden Fillion a.s.a.p. So, he can get the updated roster out. Dues have been reduces as of the Grass Valley Rally Meeting.

Since my rally master position doesn't really start till January, I still think it is good to start planning early, for the 2015 year, as a lot of places get booked and then we lose out on having a clubhouse. I am looking forward to great travel year as some of you know we didn't get as many trips in as I would have liked in 2014. With gas prices down now, I think we can have a great rally year. The calendar is looking pretty good so far. The only opening we have left are June, July or August. Please think about being a host or co host. Its not that hard and you will always have help from myself or co members.

**Cal Expo RV Park
Sacramento
(Following the Lodi Rally)
May 3 - May 7, 2015**



Payment deadline: April 9th

- Electric, Water & Sewer
- Potluck dinner, Breakfast
- Dinner out at Cheese Factory
- Bingo, Games & Social Hours

Cancellation policy: Any cancellations after April 19th will be changed for 1 night per site.

Names _____ Pets _____ Toad _____ Cell phone _____

Length of Coach _____ 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____ Amount enclosed _____

Mail payment by April 8th, deadline is April 9th. Make check out to NorCal Rex RV Club. \$150.00

Mail this form with your check, payable to NorCal Rex, to Robin Snyder
(Please see Roster for all members information)

Are you interested in hosting or co hosting a rally in the future? Yes _____ No _____

NORCAL REX RALLY AT ANGLES CAMP RV RESORT

3069 Highway 49 South. Angles Camp

March 22 thru 25 2015

Registration Deadline March 1, 2015

Rally Cost \$160.00

(There is a \$5 pet fee due at entry)

Potlucks

Sightseeing

Pull Thru- full hookups

The park is near to Sonora, Columbia and many other Historical sites.
Itinerary, directions, and space assignments will be sent later.

Make checks payable to NorCal Rex and mail with enclosed form to:
Dwane Reeves (See roster at norcalrex.org)

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Name: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____ Coach Length _____ Pets _____

Pet Restrictions: No Bull Terriers or Dobermans
Cancellation policy: 3 days prior or you will be billed for 1 night.

Update NorCal Rex Emblem and Polo Shirts



Based upon the input I have received from NorCal Rex members the graphic designer has put together this design with three different background colors, white, black and grey.



The motor home is more traditional in appearance than the cartoon version that I had previously sent out. There are still some modifications



to the motor home that needs to be made. **Do you like this version?**

The white background seems to stand out the most, but any of here could be used depending on the color of the shirt. Another suggestion is to make the background color the same as the color of the shirt and then the lettering would be in white. **What do you think?**



The polo shirts are 100% cotton and will be available in men's and women's styles. There is a wide range of sizes available. A blue color was the most preferred by the members who provided input. The one to the right is royal blue, below that is the light blue, to the right is faded blue followed by turquoise. **Which color do you like**



Currently prices are in the \$25 to \$30 range, based upon on an order of 24 units.

Neither the emblem nor the colors have been finalized and changes can be made based upon any input I receive from you. It may be impossible to incorporate every individual preference, but we will reach a consensus from the group before finalizing and placing any orders.



[Please email me any comments, preferences and/or changes that you have by December 15, 2014. Remember silence is considered a form of consent.](#)

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We're also on the Web
www.NorCalRex.org